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To: Members of the Committee: Councillor Michael Muir (Chairman), Councillor Janine Paterson (Vice-Chairman), Councillor Steve Jarvis, Councillor Jim McNally, Councillor Valentine Shanley and Councillor Michael Weeks

You are invited to attend a

MEETING OF THE BALDOCK AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

to be held in the

BALDOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE, SIMPSON DRIVE, BALDOCK

On

MONDAY, 5TH MARCH, 2018 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,



David Miley
Democratic Services Manager

Agenda **Part I**

Item		Page
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2.	MINUTES - 4 DECEMBER 2017 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 4 December 2017.	(Pages 1 - 6)
3.	NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS Members should notify the Chairman of other business which they wish to be discussed by the Committee at the end of the business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances which they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency. The Chairman will decide whether any item(s) raised will be considered.	
4.	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chairman of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest which requires they leave the room under Paragraph 7.4 of the Code of Conduct, can speak on the item, but must leave the room before the debate and vote.	
5.	HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY To receive a presentation from Sergeant Alan Clarke, Hertfordshire Constabulary.	
6.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION To receive petitions and presentations from members of the public including: 1. Baldock Community Forum CIC 2. Wallington Village Hall 3. Weston Cricket Club 4. Sandon Cricket Club	
7.	BALDOCK COMMUNITY EVENTS To receive a quarterly oral update on Baldock Community Events.	

8. GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE
REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES MANAGER

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To update the Committee on the activities and actions of the Communities Officer, to advise on the current expenditure and balances of the delegated budgets and to consider applications for grant funding.

9. WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

To receive any oral reports from Members regarding Ward matters and Outside Organisations.

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Agenda Item 2

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

BALDOCK AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD IN THE BALDOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE, SIMPSON DRIVE, BALDOCK
ON MONDAY, 4TH DECEMBER, 2017 AT 7.30 PM

MINUTES

Present: *Councillors Michael Muir (Chairman), Steve Jarvis, Jim McNally and Michael Weeks.*

In Attendance:

Ashley Hawkins (Communities Officer) and Ian Gourlay (Committee and Member Services Manager)

Also Present:

Ms Julie Barker (Environment Agency) and Mr Alessandro Marsili (Affinity Water).

At the commencement of the meeting 3 members of the public, including public speakers, were present.

34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Janine Paterson (Vice-Chairman) and Valentine Shanley.

35 MINUTES - 4 SEPTEMBER 2017

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Baldock and District Committee meeting held on 4 September 2017 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.

36 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

37 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, including the public speakers and Julie Barker from the Environment Agency and Alessandro Marsili from Affinity Water.
- (2) The Chairman advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded; and
- (3) The Chairman drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

38 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - BALDOCK BOWLS CLUB

Mr Spencer Dean and Mr Brian Leadley gave a verbal presentation regarding an application from Baldock Bowls Club requesting grant funding to assist with the costs of running a bowling programme with students from Knights Templar School over a three year period commencing in Spring/Summer 2018.

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Mr Dean advised that the Club was hoping to develop bowls as a youth sport. The Club already had some incredibly talented young bowlers amongst its rank, including two youth internationals. Shortly after he had assumed the role of Chairman of the Club, Mr Dean was introduced to the Head Teacher of Knights Templar School, who was extremely supportive of a joint venture between the School and the Club to promote youth bowling.

Mr Dean stated that he and the School Sports Team Head had put together a strategy and plan aimed at increasing interest in bowls (including on-site school visits). The Club had also interacted with some of the School's PE lessons, which were bowling sessions held at the Club. The Club had also held an Open Day, which had been well-attended by families and teachers.

Mr Dean explained that the Club was looking to take on 18 children per year for properly planned training sessions, in conjunction with the Hertfordshire Bowls Coaching Association. There would be several other one-off events tied in as part of the training course.

Mr Dean commented that many senior bowlers from other clubs had left those clubs to join Baldock, in order to develop their children as youth bowlers.

Mr Dean advised that the Club would be charging each child £1 a week for 20 weeks. The coaching time would be free, but equipment would need to be purchased. The Club had donated £1,000 towards the project, but the total cost would be £4,320 for 54 children over 3 years. It would be an initial 3 year project, but with the hope that it would be successful and continue for years to come.

Mr Dean stated that it was intended that the remaining £3,320 would be acquired throughout the 3 years, as not all the funding would be required in Year 1. He therefore asked the Committee to provide as much further financial support to the initiative as possible.

Following a period of questions and answers, the Chairman thanked Mr Deane and Mr Leadley for their presentation.

39 PRESENTATION FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Ms Julie Barker (Environment Agency), assisted by Mr Alessandro Marsili (Affinity Water), gave a presentation regarding water levels in the River Ivel.

Ms Barker advised that she was attending the meeting to answer Members' questions following Affinity Water's presentation to the Committee's previous meeting in September 2017.

Ms Barker stated that anyone who abstracted water from bore holes or a river would need a licence from the Environment Agency (EA). The EA had to judge whether or not there was sufficient water to enable a grant of the licence, and that there would not be any adverse impact on third parties, other licence holders or the water environment. A justification for the need for the water would also be required.

Ms Barker commented that the legal system came about following the Water Resources Act 1963. Before then, anybody could abstract water. The boreholes currently operated by Affinity water near Baldock were all pre-1963. She thought that one was drilled in the 1920s and the others a little later.

Ms Barker explained that when the legislation changed in 1963, those responsibility for each borehole had been required to apply to prove that they had been pumping at certain quantities. If so proven, they were provided with a Licence of Right. This was the situation for the Baldock boreholes.

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Ms Barker advised that, since 1963, the EA had granted licences to other users. The EA had to publish plans and policies on how it allocated water to certain catchments. In most cases in her area, the ground water was fully committed (ie. no more abstraction licences were being issued). Summer surface water was also fully committed, but the EA were still issuing licences concerning water taken from rivers above certain flow thresholds.

Ms Barker stated that East Anglia was an area of low rainfall. The annual average rainfall was about 600mm, but 450mm of that evaporated (mostly in the summer), leaving only 150mm to permeate into the ground for abstraction purposes.

Ms Barker commented that the EA had bid for Affinity Water to undertake a project on the River Ivel. In common with other water authorities, Affinity Water were funded in 5 year blocks (called Asset Management periods). Affinity Water were currently in the middle of Asset Management period 6 (undertaking investigatory work), and that EA had lobbied that this was a project on which Affinity Water could spend their customers' money. Following this investigation and, if appropriate, the EA would lobby for the next 5 year block (2020-25) to address any problems.

Ms Barker explained that the current investigatory (options and appraisal) stage aimed to discover the cause and effect between abstraction and the river. There was no gauging station on the River Ivel, and so there was no historical flow record as the EA would have for other rivers. The EA did monitor water quality and ecology, and Affinity Water had drilled additional observation boreholes. Some increased flow measurement had been undertaken over the past few years (from November 2014). A report on those two years had been prepared, and cost and benefits options were to be looked at in order to improve the flows.

The Chairman advised that the older residents of Baldock remembered the River Ivel flowing freely, but now it dried up for at least six months of the year. In 2017 it had only flowed for 3 months of the year. He asked if this was because there was so much water being taken from boreholes. He also asked if water could be pumped to fill in the ponds adjacent to the river, so that they could be used by wildlife.

Ms Barker replied that the amount of permitted/licensed water to be taken from boreholes had not changed since the 1960s. How much water taken up to their maximum amount allowed had changed due to increased demand for water as a result of additional housing development. Water abstraction had most likely doubled since 2000. However, this increase was still not in excess of the licensed amount. There was also the variable wet and dry years, and another dry winter could cause some problems with water supplies.

Ms Barker advised that the level of the River Ivel rose because of rainfall and run-off, but also because of a base element from the chalk soil. She conceded that the lack of flow could partly be due to the increased abstraction over the years for the reasons previously stated.

Ms Barker explained that one option could be an augmentation scheme (a standalone borehole to pump in water to the top of the Ivel Springs). This would work best should the wet cycles of weather be more frequent, and had been carried out successfully elsewhere, including the River Hiz.

Ms Barker commented that the driver for the investigatory work was the EU Water Framework Directive, which required Government's to re-look at water was licensed, in order to achieve good ecological status in rivers (ie. invertebrates, fish etc.). Hence, the River Ivel came into focus because of the perception that there was insufficient flow for these creatures. The EA was mindful of the ponds, but the major driver for the project was the health of the river.

In response to a Member's question regarding the boreholes, Ms Barker stated that there were three boreholes and, the way the groundwater flowed through the aquifer, one took water away from Pix Brook, but the cones of depression of the other two eclipsed the top of

the River Ivel. The issue was still being quantified by the EA and Affinity water, as part of the options and appraisals work.

The Committee noted that Affinity water would be shortly presenting some options to the EA, including a reduction in water abstraction; augmentation schemes; morphological works; and/or a combination of these options. A balance between costs and benefits would need to be associated with each of the options.

Ms Barker added that once an option was agreed between the EA and Affinity water, the latter would bid for the funding to carry out the scheme during the next (2020-25) 5 year round of funding. A decision on whether or not the funding would be approved would not be made until November 2019, ready for the spend to commence in April 2020.

The Chairman thanked the Environment Agency and Affinity Water representatives for their presentation and attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the representatives from the Environment Agency and Affinity Water be thanked for their presentation.

REASON FOR DECISION: To keep Members of the Committee abreast of water level issues on the River Ivel and Ivel Springs.

40 GREEN SPACE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - PROGRESS: INFORMATION NOTE

The Committee considered an Information Note prepared by the Parks and Countryside Manager in respect of progress regarding the Green Space Management Strategy.

RESOLVED: That the Parks and Countryside Manager be requested to write to Committee Members with further details on progress in respect of the Business Case for Bakers Road pavilion and any expressions of interest by community groups to take over the Ivel Road play area.

REASON FOR DECISION: To comment on the Green Space Management Strategy Information Note.

41 BALDOCK COMMUNITY EVENTS

Councillor Jim McNally advised that the Baldock Christmas Fair had taken place over the weekend of 2/3 December 2017. More people had attended the event than in previous years. It had been very successful, and he was aware of only one negative comment on social media. It was the first Christmas Fair organised by the Baldock Community Events Forum, and a de-briefing would be held in the near future. However, positive feedback had already been received from a number of major contributors to the Fair.

Councillor McNally stated that there had also been a Christmas Tree Lights switch-on, conducted by a local celebrity.

The Committee formally acknowledged the input of the Communities Officer in to Baldock Christmas Fair and thanked him for his time and effort in helping to bring the Fair to successful fruition.

42 GRANTS AND COMMUNITY UPDATE

The Communities Officer introduced the report of the Communities Manager in respect of Grants and Community Update.

The Communities Officer drew attention to the Committee's updated Budget for 2017/17, broken down by ward, set out at Paragraph 7.3 of the report.

The Communities Officer advised that the Balstock Family Run Weekend had been held for the sixth time in Baldock High Street on the weekend of 9/10 September 2017. As well as the activities on the High Street, there was live music performed in all of the Baldock Public Houses throughout the weekend. The event had proved as popular as ever and passed without incident, and had raised funding for six charities, as set out in Paragraph 8.1.2 of the report.

The Communities Officer stated that the Baldock Community Fireworks had been held for a fifth time on Sunday, 5 November 2017. The event was again well supported by the people of Baldock and surrounding villages with just under 2,000 people attending the show. As well as being a good fundraiser for Hartsfield PTA, Knights Templar School and Baldock Brownies, the event also generated £3,000 profit, which was being shared amongst 6 schools in Baldock.

RESOLVED: That the actions taken by the Community Development Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Royston and District be endorsed.

REASON FOR DECISION: To keep Members of the Committee apprised of the latest developments in community activities in the Baldock and District area.

43 GRANT APPLICATION - BALDOCK BOWLS CLUB

The Committee had been impressed by the Bowls Club's presentation and, mindful of the fact that the costings were spread over three years and that under the Council's Grants Policy organisations were not able to re-apply for grant funding for a period of two years, it was agreed that a grant of £1,500 be awarded, subject to the agreement of the Arbury and Baldock East Ward Members.

RESOLVED: That grant funding of £1,500 be awarded to Baldock Bowls Club taken in proportionate shares from the Baldock Town, Weston & Sandon and (subject to the subsequent agreement of the respective ward councillors) Arbury and Baldock East Ward Budgets, to assist with the costs of running a bowling programme with students from Knights Templar School over a three year period commencing in Spring/Summer 2018.

REASON FOR DECISION: To improve services provided by local organisations and groups which are accessed by the community.

44 WARD MATTERS AND OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - MEMBERS' REPORTS

The Chairman advised that he had committed the entirety of his £90,000 Hertfordshire County Council Highways Localities Budget for 2017/18. A number of projects were still to be completed. He had also committed about £50,000 of his 2018/19 Budget. He invited Members to approach him with suggestions for any further schemes.

Councillor Steve Jarvis reported that he had also spent all of his 2017/18 Hertfordshire County Council Highways Localities Budget. He was in the process of putting together his planned schemes for 2018/19.

The meeting closed at 8.47 pm

Chairman

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BALDOCK & DISTRICT COMMITTEE 5 MARCH 2018

*PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
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TITLE OF REPORT: GRANTS & COMMUNITY UPDATE

**REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES MANAGER
EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS**

**PRIORITY: ATTRACTIVE AND THRIVING / PROSPER AND PROTECT / RESPONSIVE
AND EFFICIENT**

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To advise the Committee on the current expenditure and balances of the Area Committee budgets.
- 1.2 To bring to the Committee's attention details of recent requests received for Area Committee Grant Funding, made by community groups and local organisations, which conform to the Authority's Grants Policy approved by Cabinet on June 14th 2016.
- 1.3 To advise the Committee of the activities and schemes with which the Community Officer has been involved.
- 1.4 To bring to the Committee's attention some important community based activities that will take place during the next few months.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers Grant Award of £1,500 to Baldock Community Forum CIC to help towards the costs of equipment as detailed in 8.1.1.
- 2.2 That the Committee consider Grant Award of £500 to Wallington Village Hall to help toward the costs of equipment as detailed in 8.1.2.
- 2.3 That the Committee considers Grant Award of £1,500 to Weston Cricket Club to help toward the costs of equipment as detailed in 8.1.3.
- 2.4 That the Committee considers Grant Award of £500 to Sandon Cricket Club to help toward the costs of equipment as detailed in 8.1.4.
- 2.5 That any unspent funds from the 2017/18 financial year be allocated to Community Initiatives.
- 2.6 That the Committee endorses the actions taken by the Community Officer to promote greater community capacity and well-being for Baldock.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure the Committee is kept informed of the work of the Community Officer.
- 3.2 This report is intended to inform Members of the financial resources available to the Committee. It draws attention to the current budgetary situation by assisting in the effective financial management of the Area Committee's budget. This ensures that all actions are performed in line with the Authority's Financial Regulations, the Council's Constitution, and the guidance of the existing Grants policy as agreed by Cabinet in June 2016.
- 3.3 The awarding of financial assistance to voluntary organisations and the use of discretionary spending allows the Committee to further the aims of the Corporate Plan.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 There are no alternative options being proposed other than those detailed within the text of this report. However in the course of debate at committee, Members may wish to comment and offer additional views on any of the items included within this report.

5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

- 5.1 Consultation with Members has occurred in connection with the allocation of funds for Community Projects.
- 5.2 Consultation with the respective officers and external bodies/groups has taken place with regard to funding proposals for Area Committee Funds.

6. FORWARD PLAN

- 6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1 Members are asked to note the information detailed in Appendix 1 Baldock Area Committee Budget Spread sheet, which relates to the Area Committee budget balances for 2017/18.
- 7.2 The spreadsheet also details pre-allocated sums carried forward from the previous financial years, including balances and past expenditure relating to the allocated and unallocated Area Capital Visioning Budgets available to the Committee.

7.3 Funding remaining for the Committee to allocate in the 2017/18 is summarised below:

	2016/17 Carry Forward	2017/18 Base Budget	Total
Baldock Town	£867	£4,300	£5,167
Baldock East	£954	£1,600	£2,554
Arbury	£0	1,477	£1,207
Weston & Sandon	£678	1,200	£1,878

8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 Update on Community Engagement & Grant Request

8.1.1 Baldock Community Forum CIC

The Baldock Community Forum is seeking financial support from the Baldock & District Area Committee to assist with the purchase of essential equipment to enable them to carry out their annual calendar of events. Equipment required includes 4 gazebos and 25 barrier fences. The group is requesting £1,500 against an overall project cost of £2k.

The Baldock Community Forum, trading as the Baldock Events Forum was set up in May 2017. The group is an unregistered charity that is made up of 3 directors, 2 event coordinators and 30 advisors. The group was set up to carry on the events previously carried out by the Baldock Town Partnership, including the Baldock Big Lunch, Baldock Beast Half Marathon, Baldock Cycle Challenge and the Baldock Christmas weekend. The equipment the group wishes to purchase will not only help with the events carried out by the Baldock Community Forum but also the other events in the town and indeed within the Baldock & District area. The application is criteria compliant and the recommendation is £1.5k. It should be noted that the group has received some funding from NHDC to assist with the set up of the group. However it should be stressed that this funding will allow for the purchase of equipment that will benefit many other groups and events within the area and not just the Baldock Community Forum.

This organisation receives no Rate Support or other formal benefits from NHDC.

This organisation has not received an NHDC grant in the last five years.

8.1.2 Wallington Village Hall

Wallington Village Hall is seeking funding support from the Baldock & District Area Committee to assist with the purchase of additional bark chippings for the play area at Wallington Village Hall, as recommended by their recent ROSPA report. The group is requesting £500 against an overall project cost of £635.

Wallington Village Hall is a registered charity which has been operating since 1964. The group is made up of 8 Committee members and 10 volunteers. The village hall is well used for Community events, social evenings, parish council meetings, parties etc. The outside area, namely the play area is well used by the children of the village. The bark was last replaced in 2011 and for health and safety grounds it has been recommended by ROSPA for it to be replaced. The application is criteria compliant.

This organisation receives £1,286 as a Community Amateur Sports Club.

In the last five years, this organisation has received the following awards:
09/05/2012 Funding support for Street Party as part of Jubilee Party.. £100

Total awards: £100.

8.1.3 Weston Cricket Club

Weston Cricket Club is seeking funding support from Baldock & District Area Committee to assist with the purchase of a mower to allow for the better maintenance of the pitch. The group is requesting £1,500 against an overall project cost of £3k.

Weston Cricket Club is a Community Amateur Sports Club which has been operating since 1953. The group is made of 6 Committee members. The group is looking to purchase a new mower and take on the responsibility of maintaining the cricket pitch. The group currently pay a contractor £1,500 annually for this service. The club hosts between 40-50 matches annually and has users of all age ranges from both Weston and the surrounding villages. The application is criteria compliant and this is the first Grant Award the group has received since 2011.

This organisation receives no Rate Support or other formal benefits from NHDC.

This organisation has not received an NHDC grant in the last five years.

Total awards: £0.

8.1.4 Sandon Cricket Club

Sandon Strollers Cricket Club is seeking funding support from the Baldock & District Area Committee to assist with the purchase of a new bowling machine, a mower for the cricket table and also to connect a water supply to the table. The group is requesting £500 against an overall project cost of £1,050.

Sandon Strollers Cricket Club has been running since 1985 and serves the villages of Wallington, Sandon and Rushden. It is a friendly club that plays competitive matches against other local clubs within a 20 mile radius of the village on Sundays during the cricket season. The club also holds regular family inclusive matches including the annual Father vs Sons match on Fathers Day. The equipment will help improve the pitch and will also help attract new members. The application is criteria compliant.

This organisation receives no Rate Support or other formal benefits from NHDC.

In the last five years, this organisation has received the following awards:
07/12/2015 replacement of cricket net surface and run up, £500

Total awards: £500.

8.1.5 St George's Day Parade

The Baldock CO is assisting Baldock Scouts with plans for their St George's Day Parade on 22nd April. Support includes assistance with the TCPA application and Traffic Management arrangements for the day. The Parade will see the Scouts march from Tesco's, down the High Street onto White Horse Street and into the church from Sun Street.

8.1.6 Sports Therapy 4 U Charity 5km run

The Baldock CO is assisting Sports Therapy 4 U with plans for a 5km run which will be held in Baldock in September. The event is being organised by the business as part of its 10 years of operation celebrations. The race will start and finish on the grassed area of Whitehorse Street. The Baldock CO is providing advice on the course route and will assist the organisers with the necessary event paperwork as well as providing marshal support on race day.

8.1.7 Baldock Beast Half Marathon

The Baldock CO is providing event planning support to the Baldock Events Forum for the upcoming Baldock Beast Half Marathon event which will be held for the seventh time on Sunday 25th February. Support has included help with SAG paperwork, and publicity support. The Baldock CO will also provide marshal support on the day.

8.1.8 Baldock Festival

The Baldock CO is providing event support to the Baldock Festival Committee including support with licence applications, parking arrangements and paperwork as required by SAG. The Baldock CO will also provide publicity support for the festival and marshal support at the Street Festival on Saturday 19th May.

8.2 **Highways Matters**

This section is included within the community update report for each committee cycle to facilitate debate and enable appropriate feedback on any of the proposed or listed Highways related schemes.

Any new proposals or revised schemes will be forwarded to the respective Herts County Councillor for consideration who will in turn report back and advise the Committee accordingly.

9. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Section 9.8.2 (g) of Constitution in respect of Area Committees' Terms of Reference provides that they may: "establish and maintain relationships with outside bodies/voluntary organisations operating specifically with the area including, where appropriate, the provision of discretionary grant aid/financial support etc. but excluding grants for district-wide activities". The Area Committees also have delegated power under section 9.8.1 (a) & (b) to allocate discretionary budgets and devolved budgets within the terms determined by the Council and outlined in the current Grant Policy agreed by Cabinet in June 2016.

9.2 Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides a General Power of Competence which gives local authorities the powers to do anything:-

- An individual may generally do
- Anywhere in the UK or elsewhere
- For a commercial purpose or otherwise, for a charge or without a charge
- Without the need to demonstrate that it will benefit the authority, its area or person's resident or present in its area.

- 9.3 Section 137 Local Government Act 1972 provides specific authority for the Council to incur expenditure on anything which is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to its area. This includes a charity or other body operating for public service.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 All Area Committees saw a 55% decrease in funding in the 2016/17 financial year. There are 4 meetings in the 2017/18 Committee cycle and members must ensure that sufficient funding is available for all meetings.
- 10.2 In 2017/18 the Baldock & District Area Committee has an overall budget of £8,600, which is split as follows – Baldock Town £4,300, Baldock East £1,600, Arbury £1,500 and Weston & Sandon £1,200.
- 10.3 As detailed in 7.3 above, members have carry forward from the 2016/17 financial year. Members are asked to spend from their carry forward prior to allocating from the 2017/18 base budgets.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no relevant risk entries that have been recorded on Pentana Performance, the Council's performance and risk system. Individual events should have their own risk assessments in place to mitigate any health and safety issues. Whenever a request for grant funding for equipment is received, the recipient of the funding will be advised to obtain insurance for the item to avoid a repeat request for funding in the event of the equipment being stolen or damaged. There are no pertinent risk implications for the Authority associated with any items within this report.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.2 All projects that are assigned area committee funding are assessed to ensure that they do not negatively impact on any part of the local community. The only deviation to this is where a minority or marginalised group may specifically receive funding or allocation of resources to address a particular area of need or 'gap' in provision.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 The Social Value Act and "go local" policy do not apply to this report.

14. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 There are no pertinent Human Resource implications associated with any items within this report.

15. APPENDICES

- 15.1 Appendix 1 - 2017/18 financial year budget sheet

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17. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 17.1 Review of Policies and Procedures for Financial Assistance to Voluntary and Community Organisations, November 2002.
- 17.2 Review of Grant Policy Cabinet June 2016.

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BALDOCK AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2017/18

FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM 2016/17

<u>SUMMARY/ TOTALS</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Unallocated Budget</u>					
BALDOCK TOWN	£5,967	£5,100	£1,256	£3,844	£867					
BALDOCK EAST	£2,541	£1,587	£387	£1,200	£954					
ARBURY	£1,138	£1,138	£288	£850	£0					
WESTON & SANDON	£3,474	£2,796	£2,046	£750	£678					
Total	£13,120	£10,621	£3,977	£6,644	£2,499					

BASE BUDGET 2017/18

<u>SUMMARY/ TOTALS</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Unallocated Budget</u>					
BALDOCK TOWN	£4,300	£0	£0	£0	£4,300					
BALDOCK EAST	£1,600	£0	£0	£0	£1,600					
ARBURY	£1,500	£293	£293	£0	£1,207					
WESTON & SANDON	£1,200	£0	£0	£0	£1,200					
Total	£8,600	£293	£293	£0	£8,307					

<u>BALDOCK TOWN</u>	<u>Funding</u>			<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Unallocated Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Funds Brought Forward from 16/17	£5,967			Friends of Baldock Green Spaces - Dog Bins	£44	05.11.13	£0	£44		
				Baldock Community Mini Bus	£3,800	07.03.16	£0	£3,800		
				Area Committee Banner	£64	06.03.17	£64	£0		
				Christchurch Baldock	£152	03.07.17	£152	£0		£48 funding from Baldock East
				Baldock Bygrave and Clothall Planning Group	£260	13.10.17	£260	£0		
				Baldock Bowls Club	£780	15.12.17	£780	£0		
Total	£5,967				£5,100		£1,256	£3,844	£867	

<u>BALDOCK TOWN</u>	<u>Funding</u>			<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Unallocated Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
17/18	£4,300							£0		
								£0		
								£0		
								£0		
Total	£4,300				£0		£0	£0	£4,300	

<u>BALDOCK EAST</u>	<u>Funding</u>			<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Unallocated Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Funds Brought Forward from 16/17	£2,541			Baldock Community Mini Bus	£1,200	07.03.16	£0	£1,200		
				Area Committee Banner	£19	06.03.17	£19	£0		
				Christchurch Baldock	£48	03.07.17	£48	£0		£152 funding from Baldock Town
				Baldock Bygrave and Clothall Planning Group	£80	13.10.17	£80	£0		
				Baldock Bowls Club	£240	15.12.17	£240	£0		
Total	£2,541				£1,587		£387	£1,200	£954	

<u>BALDOCK EAST</u>	<u>Funding</u>			<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Unallocated Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Base Budget 17/18	£1,600							£0		
								£0		
Total	£1,600				£0		£0	£0	£1,600	

<u>ARBURY</u>	<u>Funding</u>			<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Unallocated Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Funds Brought Forward from 16/17	£1,138			Baldock Community Mini Bus	£850	07.03.16	£0	£850		
				Area Committee Banner	£21	06.03.17	£21	£0		
				Hinxworth Allotment Group	£200	03.07.17	£200	£0		
				Baldock Bygrave and Clothall Planning Group	£67	13.10.17	£67	£0		
Total	£1,138				£1,138		£288	£850	£0	

<u>ARBURY</u>	<u>Funding</u>			<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Unallocated Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Base Budget 17/18	£1,500			Baldock Bygrave and Clothall Planning Group	£23	13.10.17	£23	£0		
				Baldock Bowls Club	£270	15.12.17	£270	£0		
								£0		
								£0		
								£0		
Total	£1,500				£293		£293	£0	£1,207	

<u>WESTON & SANDON</u>	<u>Funding</u>			<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Unallocated Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Funds Brought Forward from 16/17	£3,474			Baldock Community Mini Bus	£750	07.03.16	£0	£750		
				Area Committee Banner	£16	06.03.17	£16	£0		
				Weston Village Hall	£1,000	03.07.17	£1,000	£0		
				Sandon Sports and Social Club	£750	03.07.17	£750	£0		
				Baldock Bygrave and Clothall Planning Group	£70	13.10.17	£70	£0		
				Baldock Bowls Club	£210	15.12.17	£210	£0		
Total	£3,474				£2,796		£2,046	£750	£678	

<u>WESTON & SANDON</u>	<u>Funding</u>			<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Unallocated Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Base Budget 17/18	£1,200									
Total	£1,200				£0		£0	£0	£1,200	

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